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Offering Selectable Disbursement Options*

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Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review of this non-provisional utility patent application entitled "*Rebate Processing System and Method Offering Selectable Disbursement Options*," please amend the application as follows: